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V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 5 and 7(3) of Lotteries Regulations Act, 1998, in Crime No.203 of 2022. on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with the main accused was selling the lottery tickets of the other States. Hence, the complaint.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the main accused in this case has already been arrested and enlarged on bail. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the



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respondent police submitted that the petitioner along with the main accused was selling the lottery tickets of other States. He added that the main accused in this case has already been arrested and enlarged on bail. However, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the main accused in this case has already been granted bail by this Court, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the **learned XVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the



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petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four (4) weeks, thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance

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with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**.

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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